

Future Focus

Making Ventura Even Better!

City of San Buenaventura's Community Newsletter

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Ventura Pier Rebuilds

The long awaited rebuild of the Ventura pier is currently underway. Due to storm damage incurred during the Winter storms of 1995 the badly damaged pier is in need of strengthening to ensure that it is strong enough to face future storms.



Photo: Ralph Deex

By year's end the pier will have new steel piles along 200 feet of its outer length, a new 4,600 square foot octagon shaped end with a center open to the ocean below and a new deck gradually raised by four feet. Other amenities including benches, interpretive panels and lights will be added. When completed, the pier will be braced for future storms while also looking inviting to tourists and residents alike.



To reduce construction costs, cranes and equipment may operate from a temporary 12-foot wide runway constructed up the middle of the pier. While this runway will result in some disruption to the public, most of the pier will remain open for the duration of the construction. The \$3.2 million Ventura Pier Extension Project is fully funded using insurance funds and State grants. For more information on the pier construction please contact Rick Raives at 654-7870.



For more information on **Pier Into The Future** – an organization dedicated to the preservation of the pier – call 654-7771.



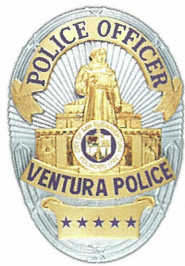
Since the *Seize the Future* kick-off event on January 23rd, Ventura residents have been voicing their opinions through various methods. Community workshops, a phone line, and a website to name a few, are giving residents the opportunity to tell us what they think.

The Citizen Outreach Committee is narrowing down the **community's suggestions** to identify specific **visions**. **Action teams**, consisting of citizens who specialize in the field of each vision, will work together to transition visions into **work plans**. These work plans will identify specific steps to move a vision from an idea to a piece of **Ventura's future**. The final document outlining these visions and work plans will debut during Ventura's Fourth of July celebration.



Your suggestions are shaping Ventura's future.

Get the latest **Seize the Future** updates
at www.seizethefuture.com
or 805/677-3955.



Citizen's Academy

...An Inside Look at the Police Department

The Ventura Police Department is currently accepting applications for the Fall Citizen's Academy class. An open invitation is extended to all residents of the City of Ventura who would like to be considered for this unique opportunity. The program provides a behind the scenes look at local law enforcement.

"...a behind the scenes look at local law enforcement."

Classes are held one evening a week for twelve weeks. During the course of the program, participants are exposed to a series of hands-on presentations that bring them right into the police officers' world.

Participants have an opportunity to:

- Make split second decisions that can mean the difference between life and death in the virtual reality "shoot – don't shoot" simulator.
- Ride with a police officer on patrol.

- See what it's like to be on the wrong side of the law during a dynamic SWAT entry.
- Walk through a homicide investigation from start to finish.
- Learn about special functions of the Police Department, including the gang unit and narcotics division.
- Tour the Ventura County Jail, the Police Academy and the Sheriff's Air Unit.



Photo: Donna Granata

All applicants must pass a cursory background investigation upon application. Disqualifying criteria include prior felony convictions, misdemeanor convictions within the past year and current probation. For more information, please contact Laura Robinson at 339-4449.

Spotlight on Volunteerism

...Partners In Progress



In response to an increasing demand for cleaner, healthier, more beautiful beaches and parks, Partners In Progress For A Beautiful Ventura was created in 1995 through the City's Public Works Department. Thanks to the continued support and encouragement from the community, Partners In Progress Adopt-A-Beach and Adopt-A-Park programs have grown to involve over 450 volunteers. As a result, an average of 25 beach and park cleanups take place each month.



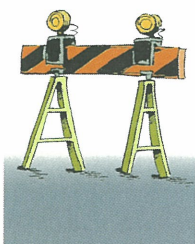
The Sanchez family and friends – dedicated Partners In Progress

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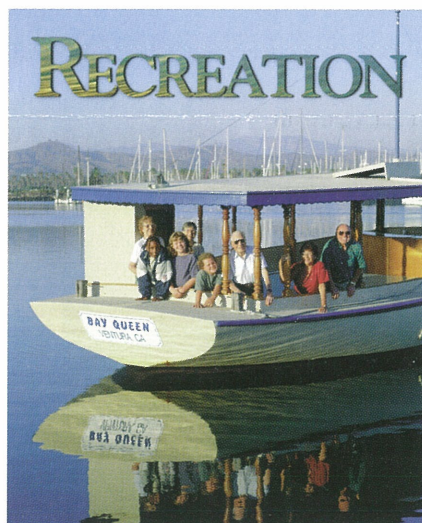
Partners In Progress welcomes anyone who is interested in caring for Ventura's environment on an on-going basis or as a special project. Please contact Beth Sutherland at 652-4555 for more information.

Victoria / 101 Highway Update

... Countdown to Completion



- April '99 - Valentine Road opened to full width.
- Mid April '99 - Valentine/101 offramp signal in operation.
- June '99 - Southbound bridge opened to traffic and begin demolition of northbound bridge.
- July '99 - Victoria Avenue narrowed to four lanes for northbound column construction.
- December '99 - Northbound bridge and new southbound ramp opened to traffic.



Community Services Department Brochure Available

The Spring Community Service brochure is available now. Call 658-4726 to receive a current copy or visit the City's website at www.ci.ventura.ca.us to view the guide.



Monthly Televised Meeting Schedules

City Council
every Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission
1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Ventura Unified School District
2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Ventura City Hall • 501 Poli Street

Contact the City Clerk's Office
at 658-4787 for a complete listing of
City Commission meetings. Meetings
are televised live on Cable Channel 6.

Tune in!



1999 Water Quality Report

Utilizing data gathered in 1998.

The City of San Buenaventura welcomes this opportunity to provide you with water quality information. This water quality report was prepared in compliance with regulatory requirements. The City works hard to ensure the water we provide to our customers meets or exceeds State and Federal standards.



The purpose of this annual water quality report is to keep you informed about the quality and distinguishing characteristics of Ventura's drinking water. Our water consistently exceeds state standards for water quality, and this article explains why. It provides specific facts and figures about the clarity, as well as the specific minerals and microorganisms measured in samples of Ventura water throughout 1998. You will find the specifics on the reverse side of this newsletter.

The City of Ventura also tested for thirty-three additional Organic Chemicals, which are not included in this report as they were non-detectable. Tests were also conducted for eight additional inorganic constituents, Aluminum, Antimony, Arsenic, Beryllium, Cadmium, Cyanide, Silver and Thallium. They are not included in this report as they were non-detectable.

Safe Drinking Water Standards

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Department of Health Services (DOHS) are responsible for ensuring all public water systems are in compliance with the 1974 Safe Drinking Water Act.

The State of California has been consistent in formulating and enforcing drinking water standards more stringent than Federal standards adopted by the EPA. State and Federal water standards fall into five categories:

Public Health Goal (PHG) - The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. PHGs are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The highest level of a

contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the PHGs and MCLGs as is economically or technologically feasible.

Primary Drinking Water Standards are in place to test for constituents that have the potential to affect public health.

Secondary Standards relate to the aesthetic qualities of the water. This includes taste, odor, color and some minerals.

Water Quality Control

The City of Ventura owns and operates a full-scale State Certified Laboratory where water quality is monitored every day of the year by City staff. All treatment facilities have instrumentation that continuously measures and monitors specific constituents related to water quality. Our instrumentation can detect substances in the water at very low concentrations – in "parts per billion" and "parts per trillion."

We encourage tours of our treatment plants. Our staff takes pride in showing our facilities and their operations to the public. If you would like to arrange a tour, or have concerns or questions about our water quality, please do not hesitate

to contact our Water Division at 652-4500.

How to contact the Water Division?

Customer Service / Utility Billing Office	667-6500
Water Conservation Hotline	652-4567
Water Division	652-4500
Water Treatment Plant Tours	652-4548
Emergency Water Problems	652-4500
<i>(During business hours)</i>	
Emergency Water Problems	339-4399
<i>(Before 8 a.m. & after 5 p.m. weekdays, Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays)</i>	

"Our water consistently exceeds state standards for water quality."



Your City Council

James J. Friedman, Mayor
Ray Di Guilio, Deputy Mayor
Brian Brennan, Councilmember
Donna De Paola, Councilmember
James L. Monahan, Councilmember
Sandy E. Smith, Councilmember
Jack Tingstrom, Councilmember

City Councilmembers may be reached by calling 654-7827. This number is answered during business hours by City staff.

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Please send comments to:

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Water Quality Analysis Chart

Utilizing data gathered in 1998.



City of Ventura Water Treatment Plant

Photo: Donna Granata

Q: What are Trihalomethanes?

Trihalomethanes are by-products of disinfecting water, which is necessary to eliminate waterborne diseases and protect public health.

Q: Should I be concerned about the level of Trihalomethanes in my tap water?

No. The level of Trihalomethanes in Ventura water averages at 0.058 parts per million which is well below the state's drinking water standard of 0.100 parts per million.

Parameter		Units	Maximum Contaminant Level	Public Health Goal (CA)	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (Fed)	Surface Water		Ground Water		CMWD (Casitas)		Saticoy Country Club	
						Average	Range	Average	Range	Average	Range	Average	Range
Water Clarity	Turbidity	NTU	5	NS	NS	.15	.03-.35	.25	.1-6	0.4	.02-2.8	0.20	0.1-0.2
Microbiological Quality	Total Coliform Bacteria	% of Tests Positive	5	NS	NS	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
	Fecal Coliform Bacteria			NS	NS	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
Primary Standards	Total Trihalomethanes	mg/l	0.1000	NS	NS	.062	.04-.076	.059	.011-.1035	.082	.063-.097	0.030	.023-.039
Organic Chemicals													
Inorganic Chemicals	Barium	mg/l	1	NS	2	ND	ND	ND	ND-0.12	0.1	0.1	ND	ND - 0.12
	Chromium	mg/l	0.05	NS	0.1	ND	ND	ND	ND-0.01	0.001	0.001	ND	ND - 0.01
	Fluoride	mg/l	1.4◆	1	NS	.47	.31-.55	.62	.53-.64	0.03	0.03	.55	.45-.64
	Lead (consumer tap)	mg/l	0.015▲	0.002	NS	.013	ND-0.015	.013	ND-0.015	ND	ND	-	-
	Mercury	mg/l	0.002	NS	0.002	ND	ND	ND	ND-0.001	ND	ND	ND	ND
	Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	mg/l	10	10 as N	NS	1.4	0.7-2.8	2.7	1.7-4.1	3.1	ND-5.8	4.1	2.4-5.3
	Nitrite (as Nitrogen)	mg/l	1	10 as N	NS	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Radioactivity	Gross Alpha Radioactivity	pCi/l	15	NS	NS	5.1	2.7-5.8	7.4	3.3-10.0	1.3	0.3-3	18.0*	13.9-21.2
	Gross Beta Radioactivity	pCi/l	50	NS	NS	5.28	ND-11.0	8.02	ND-15.8	ND	ND	6.8	6.2-13.0
	Radium 226 plus Radium 228	pCi/l	5	NS	NS	0.413	ND-.827	.87	ND-1.7	ND	ND	1.01	.241-1.78
	Uranium	pCi/l	20	NS	NS	1.2	ND-2.4	4.15	1.5-6.8	ND	ND	9.1	ND - 18.2
Secondary Standards													
Aesthetic Standards	Color	Color Units	15	NS	NS	ND	ND	ND	ND	2	1-3	ND	ND
	Odor	Threshold #	3	NS	NS	ND	2	ND	ND-1	2	1-2	ND	ND
	Chloride	mg/l	500	NS	NS	23	6-56	47	38-64	10	10	85	81-
	Copper (sources)	mg/l	1	NS	NS	ND	ND	ND	ND-0.37	ND	ND	ND	ND - 0.08
	Copper (consumer tap)	mg/l	1.3▲	0.17	NS	0.78	ND-1.37	0.78	ND-1.37	-	-	-	-
	Iron	mg/l	0.3	NS	NS	ND	ND-0.1	ND	ND-0.3	ND	ND	ND	ND
	Manganese	mg/l	0.05	NS	NS	ND	ND-0.05	ND	ND-0.08	ND	ND	ND	ND
	Sulfate	mg/l	500	NS	NS	236	81-430	526	476-601	130	130	472	366-624
	Total Dissolved Solids	mg/l	1000	NS	NS	450	232-796	1112	1024-1356	350	350	1172	1096-1248
Additional Constituents	Temperature	°C	None	NS	NS	18.5	13.5-23.6	19.8	12.7-26.9	18.4	13.5-26.2	19.3	14.0-24.1
	pH	pH Units	6.5-8.5	NS	NS	8.13	7.71-8.55	7.39	7.28-8.12	7.3	7.0-8.1	7.60	7.40-7.71
	Chlorine Residual	mg/l	3.0	NS	NS	0.82	0.4-1.3	0.75	0.05-1.3	1.5	0.51-2.2	0.87	ND - 1.3
	Conductivity	uMHO	1600	NS	NS	740	350-990	1420	1340-1640	553	490-690	1507	1420 - 1640
	Hardness	mg/l as CaCO ₃	None	NS	NS	292	216-410	362	216-644	220	220	508	243 - 575
	Hardness	(gr/gal)	None	NS	NS	29	19-36	32	24-43	ND	ND	37	34 - 38
	Boron	mg/l	None	NS	NS	0.23	0.11-0.35	0.52	0.48-0.56	0.2	0.2	0.60	0.47- 0.70
	Calcium	mg/l	None	NS	NS	96	55.4-178	125.6	54.2-197	55	55	149	138 - 158
	Magnesium	mg/l	None	NS	NS	23.0	13.2-54.6	39.0	14.0-65.0	20	20	59.7	58.4 - 62.3
	Phosphate	mg/l	None	NS	NS	ND	ND	0.20	ND-0.4	ND	ND	0.02	ND - 0.15
	Potassium	mg/l	None	NS	NS	0.08	ND-0.41	0.03	ND-0.22	ND	ND	4.1	3.6 - 4.7
	Sodium	mg/l	None	NS	NS	26.4	16.1-54.9	114	34.3-149	21	21	137	123 - 149
	Total Alkalinity	mg/l as CaCO ₃	None	NS	NS	187	102-209	223	213-239	120	120	245	228-257

ND - None Detected

NS - No Standard

◆ - Standard Depends on Temperature

▲ - 90th Percentile Limit

* - Meets Radium and Uranium Standards